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This issue of Tax Update deals with new or improved services now available for taxpayers. We are excited to be able to offer these services. If there are any other services you would like to see us provide, call us toll free at 1-800-972-7660 or send us an e-mail at taxrep@tax.state.id.us.

EINs, Sales Tax Permits Available Statewide

If you are a business owner, you no longer have to contact the Tax Commission's Boise office to get a sales tax (seller's) permit, or send forms to the federal government to get a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). You can visit any of our six State Tax Commission offices for this service.

To get an on-the-spot seller's permit or withholding number, you simply visit one of our offices and fill out the appropriate form—an IBR-1 for a business with employees or an IBR-2 for a business with no employees. In most cases, a permit number can be assigned on the spot.

For federal Employer Identification

Numbers (EINs), the Tax Commission has partnered with the IRS to allow you to get your business up and running quickly.

To get an EIN, just stop by a Tax Commission office and complete the federal form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification. We will issue you a "conditional" EIN, usually within 15 minutes.

We forward the paperwork to the IRS and, within three weeks, they will send you a verification of the number we have issued you. If there is any problem with your application, the IRS will let you know that, too.

If you can't visit one of our offices or you prefer to get the number from the IRS, send your completed form SS-4 to the IRS office listed in the form instructions.

Tax Commission Prepares to Accept Credit Cards and Bank Debit Cards

By early 2000, the Tax Commission will be able to serve customers who have asked to pay their taxes using their credit card or bank debit card.

Plans are under way to outfit the service counters at our six statewide offices with the needed equipment to read your card and bill your bank account or credit card account for your payment.

There will be no fee for using this service.



New, Improved Web Site Offered



Whether you're looking for tax forms or information about Idaho taxes, we hope you'll find what you need on our redesigned and expanded Web site. The address is www2.state.id.us/tax/.

The new Web site was designed to be

more user-friendly and includes several new buttons to select. Of particular interest to accountants and other tax preparers is the "Tax Pros" button. Here you'll find information on filing specifications, draft forms, ordering bulk forms, and much more.

There's a question-and-answer button that provides basic information on the tax

topics raised most frequently by the public. A Publications button brings you to Tax Update and news releases, and other publications are due to be added soon.

We welcome your comments about our new Web site. If you have suggestions on how we can improve it, please click on the "Feedback" button on our home page.

New Income Tax Payment Plan Available

Can't afford to pay your 1999 Idaho individual income taxes by April 15, 2000? Maybe you need to set up a payment agreement.

We recognize there are circumstances that make it impossible to pay your state income taxes when they are due. To help with these situations, we're offering a new payment alternative in which monthly payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account.

This plan (Automated Clearing House Debit—ACHD) allows you to set your own payment amount and length of the

arrangement, subject to certain criteria. Under this plan, you agree to allow us to withdraw monthly payments from your financial institution account automatically. We agree not to file a state tax lien on this debt as long as all conditions of the agreement are met.

You can obtain the forms to apply for this new payment agreement from any Tax Commission office listed below, from our Web site at www2.state.id.us/tax/ or from our forms Fax-Back system at 1-888-228-5770.

Forms Available by Fax or Internet



Do you need Idaho income tax forms and instructions? How about a form to claim your Idaho sales tax exemption? If you have access to the Internet, or have a phone attached to your fax machine, you can now get these (and many other forms) 24 hours a day.

You can access our Web site at www2.state.id.us/tax/. Or, call our toll-free 24-hour Fax-Back system at 1-888-228-5770.

Where To Get Information

If you would like to know more about Idaho state taxes, call the Idaho State Tax Commission toll free at **1-800-972-7660** or contact any of the offices listed below:

Boise

800 Park Blvd., Plaza IV
(208) 334-7660

Pocatello

611 Wilson St., Ste. 5
(208) 236-6244

Twin Falls

1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N, Ste. C
(208) 736-3040

Coeur d'Alene

1910 Northwest Blvd., Ste. 100
(208) 769-1500

Lewiston

1118 F Street
(208) 799-3491

Idaho Falls

150 Shoup Ave., Ste. 16
(208) 525-7116



HEARING IMPAIRED CALLERS:

Use the Idaho Relay Service (1-800-377-3529) to reach any Tax Commission office listed above.

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